formation about the number of schools in which this course was eventually introduced is however, not available.

(b) The proposed Centrally-sponsored scheme of Vocationalization of Secondary Educational envisages a large programme to introduce vocational courses in schools which, *inter alia* would include computer-related vocational courses also.

Allocation of amount for medical University in Madras

1224. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have asked for setting up of a Medical University in Madras; and

(b) if so, what amount has been allocated by the Centre for this new University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No amount has been allocated by the Centre for this new University.

Air India General Sales Agents in foreign countries

1225. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per policy of Government, only one General Sales Agency for air-tickets of Air India can be opened in one country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such agencies in each country;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in so many countries more than one General Sales Agencies have been opened for sale of air-tickets of Air-India; if so, the names of such countries;

(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Air-India has appointed G.S.A.s in various countries of the world in accordance with IATA Resolutions on the subject. Government has not laid down any policy in this regard.

(b) Air-India has four GSAs in India, two in Italy and four in Saudi Arabia. In other countries, where Air India has appointed GSAs, the number is restricted to one only.

(c) and (d) In India, Italy and Saudia Arabia, there is more than one GSA of Air-India; the reason being that different territories in a country have varying types of traffic and market conditions and in such areas it is necessary to evolve a special market strategy to ensure that Air-India keep its fares share of the market and, therefore, something more than one G.S.A. is appointed in the same country.

(e) No remedial action is considered necessary.

Banning of stalls on Railway Platforms

1226. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to ban the stalls on the platforms; and

(b) if so, what is the number of stalls closed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.